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In Re Application of: Kenneth Ceola et
Application No.: 09/538785
Filed: March 30, 2000
For: MAGNETICALLY SENSED SECOND ENVIRONMENT SAFETY AND ARMING DEVICE
Examiner: Jordan M. Lofdahl
Group Art Unit: 3644

Commissioner for Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: A39.2-8766

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TOTAL EXTRA CLAIMS FEE					\$

3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

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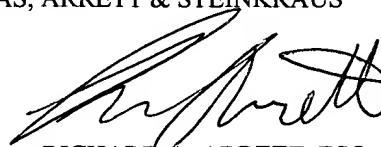


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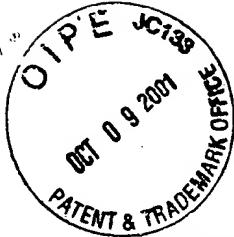
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Reply To Office Action

Dear Examiner Lafdahl:

This reply is in response to the office action mailed July 2, 2001.

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed July 2, 2001, in which claims 3 and 6 were rejected under §112; claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10-14 were rejected under §102(b) as anticipated by Kurschner US 5497704, and claims 7-9 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Kurschner US 5497704.

§112 Rejections To Claims 3 and 6

Applicant respectfully disagrees that claims 3 and 6 are indefinite. "At least two events" does not preclude determining the occurrence of three events (or more for that matter). Claims 3 and 6 merely recite that "the at least two events" who's occurrence is determined are actually all three of the events listed in the markush group.